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Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for deterring duplicate printing of a first image comprising:
 - receiving a request relating to the first image from a client system;
 - providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of a sample image to a portion of a program window in the client system that is visible to the user;
 - and
 - providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of the first image to a portion of the client system program display window that is not visible to the user.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - the first image comprises a shipping label having a postage indicia comprising a postage indicia code;
 - the sample image comprises a sample shipping label having a sample postage indicia;
 - the client system comprises a web browser application;
 - the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;
 - the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying a second frame including the first image; and
 - the data provided to the client system program is provided by a first web server.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the sample shipping label includes a sample indicator.
4. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

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providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein
the formatting instructions prevent user access to the second frame.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein
the formatting instructions prevent user access to a non-visible portion of the
client system program window.

6. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:
the sample image is an image file using an image file format selected from the
group: GIF, BMP, TIFF, JPEG, PIX, PNG and PCX; and
the sample indicator comprises an indication to the user that the label is not
valid for postage.

7. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:
the sample indicator comprises an overlay for obscuring the postage indicia of
the sample label.

8. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:
the sample image has the same dimensions as the first image.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
the sample image comprises the first image and a superimposed sample
indicator.

10. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing a first logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system program
window for receiving an indication of a sample print request; and
providing a second logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system
program window for receiving an indication of a non-sample print request.

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11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
receiving at least one indicator from a user indicating whether the non-sample print request was successful.
12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
determining whether the received indicators indicate that a threshold of print failures has been reached; and
if the threshold of print failures has been reached, providing an indication that the print request is invalid.
13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein:
the first logic indicator and second logic indicator are presented in a second visible frame.
14. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:
the first image includes image portions obtained from a second web server; and
the sample image comprises image portions obtained from a second web server.
15. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein
the formatting instructions prevent scrolling and resizing of the client system program window, thereby preventing user access to the second frame.
16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:
the first image comprises a document of value;
the sample image comprises a sample document of value;
the client system program comprises a web browser application;
the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

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the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying a second frame including the first image; and
the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein
the document of value comprises a document selected from the group: ticket, receipt, article, report, financial instrument and contract.

18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the sample image includes a sample indicator.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:
the first image comprises a document of value;
the sample image comprises an image related to the document of value;
the client system comprises a web browser application;
the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;
the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying a second frame including the first image; and
the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein
the sample image is a portion of the document of value.

21. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein
the sample image is an article abstract.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program display window that is not visible to the user.

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23. (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client
system program window that is not visible to the user.

24. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:
providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client
system program window that is not visible to the user.

25. (original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:
providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client
system program window that is not visible to the user.